



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 9, 2000

Richard R. Brown, Attorney
United States Department of Justice
Federal Programs Branch, Civil Division
P.O. Box 883
Washington DC 20530

RE: MUR 4545
United States of America

Dear Mr. Brown:

On November 4, 1996, the Federal Election Commission notified the Department of Justice of a complaint alleging violations by the United States of America of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended and Chapters 95 and 96 of Title 26, United States Code.

On April 26, 2000, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by you, that there is no reason to believe the United States of America violated any provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, 2 U.S.C. §§ 431-455, the Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account Act, as amended, 26 U.S.C. §§ 9031-9042, or the Commission's regulations. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter. A copy of the General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

If you have any questions, please contact Delanie DeWitt Painter, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Leslie Bright".

BY: Kim Leslie Bright
Associate General Counsel

Enclosure
General Counsel's Report